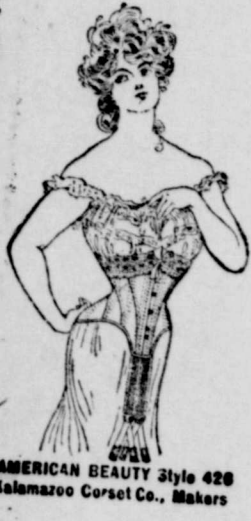


**GROVER CLEVELAND--
Living and Dead.**

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BIG FACTOR IN COMING CAMPAIGN.**

Bryan is Disappointed that Hearst Papers Are Not for Him.

Chicago, Ill., July 24.--Wm. R. Hearst, at the head of his new national party, will loom large as a factor in this year's presidential campaign. He will sound the keynote as chairman of the independence party convention, July 27. Thereafter he will be picturesque enough to excite general interest and powerful enough to bear watching by the old party managers.

There is no danger, of course, that his candidates will come within 40 miles of the Hearstites holding the balance of power in some closely-contested state.

This will be Hearst's first appearance in the large arena. Four years ago he tried for the democratic presidential nomination and failed, although nearly 200 delegates voted for him in the St. Louis convention. Convinced that demands of the old parties for reform were mostly pretense, Hearst then determined to enter national politics at the head of a new party. This is the civilizing force he will launch at the Chicago convention next week.

Hearst's party, as an aggressive force in lesser than the national field, has made old party leaders take substantial notice in several states. As democratic candidate for governor of New York he forced the republicans to nominate as good a man as Hughes in order to save the state. Hearst was defeated, but some of his followers who held minor places on the ticket were elected. He ran for mayor of New York on the independence league ticket, snowing under the republican candidate and finishing a close second to Mc-

Clellan, democrat. His followers have carried Brooklyn and Long Island City. They have cast heavy votes in Massachusetts, California and Illinois. Their probable strength at November's election is a matter of concern to the republican and democratic managers.

Bryan has made no concealment of his disappointment over the fact that the Hearst newspapers will not be for him this year. He recently opened the way for Hearst to come in, but the New Yorker has said he is done with fusion and will hereafter proceed along independent lines. Republicans have much hope that the independence party votes will be drawn mainly from the democracy.

ABOUT BAILEY'S VOICE.

Ft. Worth, Texas, July 23.--A letter from Senator Bailey, under date of July 20, says:

"The story about a permanent injury to my throat is, I am very glad to say, without any foundation. The specialist who is treating it assures me that, when he is through with his work that my voice will be as good as ever, which means that it will be better than it has been for several years. During the time that I was confined to my bed with pneumonia, my throat treatment was suspended and not resumed for several weeks. In this way the throat treatment has been prolonged much beyond what would otherwise have been the case. I have been especially urgent that the doctor should finish with me in time for me to reach the State before the primary but he has been unable to do so and insists upon my remaining here until my throat has been entirely cured. Remembering the serious trouble which resulted from its condition in the early part of June, I have determined, though much against my will, to remain until the doctor tells me that I have been permanently cured."

WILL YOU BE WEARING AN EXPRESSION LIKE THIS TOMORROW?



—Or This?
LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Grover Nye of Laredo is in the city.

R. C. Lewis of Encinal is in the city to day.

Dr. J. D. Motheral returned last night from San Antonio.

Perey Mullin of Laredo is in the city visiting relatives.

J. M. Ramsey was up from Artesia this morning.

Mrs. E. A. Keck and children left first of the week for Warsaw where they will visit relatives.

Mrs. B. Vesper went up to San Antonio this morning on a visit to relatives.

Mrs. T. R. Keck and son left this morning for San Antonio on a visit to relatives.

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Rock Quarry On John Ranch.

Jno. R. Black has discovered a splendid rock quarry on his ranch Southeast of town. The rock works splendidly and we have seen nothing that will make a prettier building. In order to test the stone Mr. Black placed several large pieces in a brush heap and heated them and they cooled without showing any signs of cracking. Where this rock was found there is a solid hill of it, and no excavation is necessary to get it. It is in layers from two inches to twenty inches thick and is easily gotten out. If this quarry was closer to Cotulla it would be worth a great deal to the town, as it is the only first class building rock we know of anywhere near here. However the day will come when this will be very valuable to Mr. Black.

Mr. W. A. Kerr and the editor were down at Mr. Black's ranch one day this week and viewed the dam he has just finished across the Nueces for irrigation purposes. It is made different from the other dams along the river and is constructed much cheaper, and we can see no reason why it should not hold. First Mr. Black put in a solid row of live oak posts across the channel and cabled them strongly; then about three feet above this a wall was made of 2x4s laid flat, one on top of the other, and securely spiked; between this was filled with rock. Dirt was put in above for a distance of fifty feet, and below the dam was backed up with plenty of immense oak logs securely wired and anchored. This dam is not across the river proper, but the old channel, but the size of the two channels are about the same, and water goes through both when there is as much as a three foot rise.

Preparations are now being made to construct a 12-foot dam by Messrs Black, Kerr, Weldon, Daniel, Moffett, Manly and several others that are interested along the river just above the Black pasture.

Have Matched Game.

W. H. Jackson, captain of the local ball team has matched a game with the St. Louis Stars to be played sometime in August. The line-up for the game is as follows:

- Geo. Knaggs, lf.
- C. Woodward, 3b.
- D. Mulholand, ss.
- A. Knaggs, 2b.
- A. David, c.
- Ed Moynahan, p.
- B. Hansen, cf.
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For Sale--Mahogany chiffonier, (6 drawers) \$10.00; child's folding bed, \$5.00; kitchen cabinet, \$6.00; extension table, \$3.00; youth's oak chair, \$1.50; library rocker, \$5.00. —W. H. JACKSON.

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The vote up to noon in the primary today was exceedingly light all over the county. At Cotulla only 27 votes had been polled. At Woodward 4. Reports from Encinal indicate that the vote there will be light. At Artesia a fair vote is being polled, but at Millett indications are that it will be exceptionally light.

It was estimated that 175 votes would be polled in the county, but unless the voters turn out this evening the figures will not reach this.

There is absolutely no interest being taken in the election. There is no opposition to local candidates, and state and district contests does not seem to interest many. Neither the saloon interests or Prohibitionists are doing any work. Practically no Mexicans are voting.

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Announcements

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The cotton gins have begun to grind.

Very little interest is manifested in today's election in LaSalle.

Bryan will be officially notified of his nomination on Aug. 13th. Up bobs that 13 again.

And now they are trying to "Hokesmith" Governor Campell. But will they do it?

When you cast your ballot today be sure that it reads Thomas M. Campbell for Governor.

Louisiana now has a law prohibiting the drinking of liquor on trains. This is a good law.

It would be hard to make some people believe the sun is losing heat, as has been suggested by

It is an enormous undertaking, and is figured the task will not be completed until 1970.

Dont forget to vote today and be sure you make your ticket out right. The ballot to be voted is probably the largest ever used in this country.

The decision of Judge Landis in fining the Standard Oil Company \$29,240,090 has been overruled by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. Standard Oil is again on top.

While the democrats of LaSalle do not agree with all the laws Governor Campbell is defending, they will give him their support today. Mr. Unknown Quantity Williams will not be in it very strong.

An exchange mentions the fact that William J. Bryan and John Worth Kern, each have thirteen letters in their names, and they were nominated to lead the Democracy on Friday. Looks to us like a cinch.

Laredo is still pushing for that macadam road from that city to San Antonio. The matter will probably be brought before the Commissioners Court of this and Frio counties at the August term. The County judge of Frio is opposed to the road on the ground that they need roads to the railroad and not along side the railroad.

A farmer from the Northern part of the country was in town with a load of corn to sell the other day and disposed of it at the nice price of 94 cents per bushel. This farmer said he raised about six hundred bushels more than he had use for this season. Can't keep a good man and a good country down, even if it is dry.

At the Mercy of Wall Street.

No citizen desiring a knowledge of just what congress did in passing the Aldrich-Vreeland bill can allow the editorial published in the Philadelphia North American to go unread. That is one of the very few big republican newspapers that are not edited from Wall Street.

The gallant fight the North American made against the infliction of this monstrous outrage on the American people entitles it to a nation's gratitude, even though it was a losing fight, like LaFollette's.

We ask our readers to bear in mind that it is a fearless and honest republican newspaper that characterizes this currency bill congress has passed as "embodying every rotten Wall Street device that lay in the earlier bills, and discarding every amendment for the protection of honest banking and legitimate business;" that declares it is a "stab" to the commerce of the country "that asserts it was foisted upon the people at the dictation of Wall Street" and brands it as "a mongrel, hybrid, cheating, swindling thing."

We ask our readers to remember that it is a republican newspaper that admits this law "will mean the turning over of the treasury of the United States to the gamblers of the New York exchange for a period of six years;" that it is a republican newspaper asserting "it will mean the making of 'good times' and 'bad times,' of 'bull' markets and 'bear' markets according to the pleasure of Rogers and Rockefeller in the National City bank, and J. P. Morgan in the National Bank of Commerce."

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The same men who

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Oil, and V. The bill they prepare will be enacted into law, after election, if the republican party continues to control congress and elects the next president.

If the Aldrich-Vreeland bill is what they gave us as a "temporary" law, and in advance of election, what, in God's name, would they give us for for a permanent law after election, when they need no longer fear the wrath of a betrayed people?—North American Review.

In all probability the vote cast in the primaries today will be light in La Salle. There appears to be very little interest. Even the warm race between some of the State candidates apparently has not aroused many of the voters. The submission question, which is red hot in most every part of the state is seldom heard discussed and neither side has been doing any work. However, it is probable those not in favor of submission will do some hustling today and a larger vote will be polled than otherwise. While one can never tell about an election until it is over, from present indications the vote of the county will be about 175.

About seven new pumping plants will be put in on the river this fall, and with the onion acreage on the older farms probably cut down a little the amount put in on these new farms will very likely make it about the same as the past season.

Chairman Carden of the Democratic Executive Committee has issued instructions to the presiding officers of the primaries to exclude all except democratic voters. The primaries are to be held solely for democrats and all others should be kept out.

How Shall Onion and Truck Growers Market Their Crops?

(By G. H. Eddy, of Artesia.)

The day will come when marketing garden truck will be done much as many merchants are selling goods, viz: by the mail order system. Why not for onion growers? Let the grower advertise to furnish his produce to wholesale dealers at wholesale prices, to retail dealers leaving him a fair margin, or to consumers at retail prices, guaranteeing his goods to be delivered exactly as he represents them.

If the market be sufficiently near he way drive with his team and deliver, or if otherwise he may ship by rail, boat or otherwise. In each and every case, except by previous understanding, the order to be accompanied with the cash. The producer makes it plain that if the goods are not satisfactory their money will be refunded.

For instance, a call by mail, by phone or in person, comes for 1 pk. tomatoes, 1/2 pk. onions (or carloads as the case may be,) 1 pk. potatoes, etc. The gardner proceeds at once to gather and ship or deliver. He may have other similar orders from the same market, if so, they can be delivered the same time. Thus his vegetables are not plucked from garden until ordered, and reach consumer in fine condition. Orders call for first class goods, and only such are delivered. Ever

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new school building would be ready for occupancy by January 1st, but it appears that matters have been grinding exceedingly slow, and as the work on the building has not yet begun and no material on the ground, indications are strong that our hopes will not be realized.

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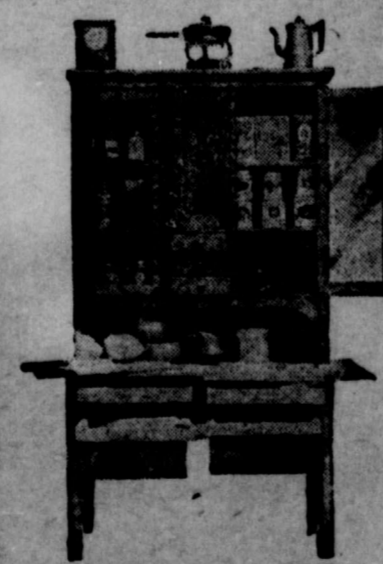
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He was the most stalwart of Democrats, and he was honest, and he was a man of high character. He has been more cursed and denounced. Why? Simply because he held to his convictions, and never sought or even desired compromise.

He did not believe all the offices of the government should be held at the behest of political leaders and spoilsmen and he said so, and a system of civil service, based on merit, which had been a theory, became a reality and politicians became his enemies.

He did not believe in free silver at any ratio, and he said so, and when he said anything no interpreter was needed to tell what he meant.

He did not believe in a tariff for protection, but only for revenue, with protection but an unavoidable incident; and, believing the people were being robbed to enrich manufacturers, he sounded a call to battle against the tariff, and did so though his own partisans cursed and abused him as a fool, if not a traitor;

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There is no better security in the world; Uncle Sam's currency is no better secured. There is no danger of fraud; it is only necessary that the thing be gone about in a businesslike and legal way.

The more widely the idea is adopted and carried into effect the more far-reaching the result, but any local community can adopt it without waiting on the action of others.

On the other hand, no bank, and no string of banks, has the resources to advance money enough to keep the cotton crop off the market.

A form, simple, convenient, embodying all legal requirements, would be adopted, designed

for the union warehouse manager as trustee and making all scrip redeemable at the warehouse providing that when a given issue of scrip is not redeemed at maturity the manager may, after giving due notice, sell the scrip against which the proceeds go over and above principal interest and warehouse charges would go to the owner of the scrip.

But this does not seem likely procedure would often be adopted. In the first place, the banks were generally adopted in the first place, and if it were adopted, the enlightened merchant would be disposed to take a scrip so as to help the farmer hold, and to take care of exceptional cases it might be advisable to have a state fund (or the state union make arrangements for the money) for the purpose of holding distressed cotton off the market.

Under this system you would, when your debts come due in the fall, call on your warehouse manager to deliver to you \$30 in scrip, paying a fair rate of interest. You would take these scrips to your merchant and offer them in payment of your account. Would he accept them? There are several reasons why he should not. He ought to have no trouble in liquidating his own obligations with it, and if it were generally adopted the business world would be compelled to recognize and accept it. It would pass as legal tender. But there is no reason why the legitimate business world would be antagonistic to cotton scrip, for it would mean higher priced cotton and that would mean prosperity to all honest occupations.

It would be strictly safe "money." And strictly convenient to handle. When this is admitted the farming world can count on enough enlightened selfishness, enough love of fair play in the commercial world to assure the prestige of cotton scrip. Accepted by the jobber, it would pass between jobber and banker, between banker and the public (and foreign creditors) freely.

In case the merchant, in the first place, should refuse to accept it, the farmer would always

be able to sell the scrip to the merchant, with the result of winning a new customer, would be apt to exert considerable influence in making cotton paper "go."

Opposition should not be courted, but disarmed by educating all classes to an attitude of confidence and good will.

The merchants, if brought to see the matter in the right light, would see their duty to be willing to suffer some hardships in helping the farmer bear the south's burden, since the storekeeper's interest in high-priced cotton is just as vital as the farmer's.

No doubt difficulties would be encountered. And in order to take care of exceptional cases it would doubtless be well, as suggested before, that the state union make provision, in one way or another, to stand behind union scrip in the assistance of distressed members.

We hope to go into details more specifically next week, and invite a full discussion of the plan by the membership. We might add that the idea is advanced on its merits by the editor, and that the state officials are not responsible for its being put forward.

Advance of Freight Raset

The Southwestern Traffic Association, composed of the general freight agents of the railroads operating in the southwest, last week gave notice to the Interstate Commerce Commission of an advance of 5 to 10 cents per hundred pounds on all commodities shipped from another state into Texas. The rate does not apply to interstate shipments between other states than Texas, and hence the motive behind the move is not clearly revealed. Of course the first object is to export more money from the public, but just why they tax it all against Texas is not apparent. Oklahoma, for instance, gets a 2 cent passenger fare, while Texas pays 3 cents, and yet no

advance is made in freights in Oklahoma to make up the difference. Not that we think such an advance should have been made. On the contrary, we think conditions do not warrant any advance anywhere, and we believe that a strong protest should go up from every state in the southwest, and if it is not made effectively before the railroads and the Interstate Commerce Commission, should be carried to the ballot box.

There is a strong suspicion that the motive for charging all the advance made by the southwestern roads to Texas is to punish this state for the intangible assets tax and to warn the public against any further anti-railroad legislation. If this is the motive the game will prove a boomerang. The people of Texas have been not only good, but very good, to the railroads. They have given them millions of acres of their best land as bonuses and have never yet made them bear their share of the support of the government, and in no instance has any unjust burden been placed upon them. If any injustice had been done them the people of Texas are fair and honest and an appeal to their judgment and sense of fairness would correct the evil. But this imposition of more tribute against the already overburdened and long-suffering producer of the state's wealth will never frighten him into submission to railroad dictation of the laws, which shall govern Texas.—National Co-Operator.

San Francisco, Cal.—Abe Ruef is released from jail on \$1,500,000 bonds. This is the largest bond ever given in a criminal case in the State of California.

Managua.—Revolutionists in Honduras capture the town of Gracias and have full control of the department of Gracias.

Buenos Ayres.—The revolutionists are successful and a new government is established. The former officials take refuge in the foreign legations. Dr. Enciniano Gonzales is the new President.

Monterey, Mex.—The establishment of a large gas plant is under serious consideration and there is every probability that such a plant will be in active operation before the close of the present year.

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Austin.—Dr. Sidney Edward Mazes is appointed president of the University of Texas in the place of Dr. Houston, who lately resigned.

Gonzales.—The brick manufacturing plant ships 750,000 brick during the month of June. A large percentage of shipments go to San Antonio.

Austin.—The new law building at the State University is almost completed and will be the most handsome building on the University campus.

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That the soul is divinity itself and minded the Master—that God reigns where reason rules and that life comprises far more than the mere animation of life than the mere animalism of birth, strife and death—is not new thought, nor yet a sacred science. It is in truth the oldest religion extant—added to and developed with the centuries as all other gospels, but growing from a creed taking definite form, possibly under Epicurus, and all—more sanely expressed and let.

Centuries ago they fetch a like a funeral. We can all our century and over with ease, but with old-age achievement goes this lobsterian life not worth living. No roses and raptures—no cakes and ale—no sorrow and sin and mighty little salvation—no warming of both hands before the fire of Bohemia, where red lips are ripe with wine and desire and laughing eyes tell the story old—no transcendent joys or sacred griefs—to the aspiring centenarian who would follow the mossbackian ritual only a mild and uniform atmosphere is permitted. To eat and drink as though it were fear-some penitential function—to wear khaki and wooden clouts and exist in the abstract—to make formal written request and then, if informed that she were willing to do a thirty days' bread and water sanctification stunt before one could hold hands with his own life—truly a riotously alluring scheme of existence. The contention that it is not always he who lives longest but most—that one can, if permitted, know a million years in a minute—sure appeals in the face of so chilling and inhuman a prospect of hyperdermic happiness. And yet always hid away somewhere in these mental and physical catacombs said to house five score years and more is invariably the psychic secret—that to enjoy long life one must keep every vital organ in constant working order and cultivate a hopeful, cheerful and busy mentality. And herein we have the real and only requisite rule. If you would quaff the nectar of eternal youth, remain young in heart and hope. Enjoy your work and pleasure both. That Spanish wanderer sought a fountain whose waters are everywhere. Activity of body and brain comprise all life essentials, and out of which must come right and fruitful living, and thereafter all details of diet and dress—aye, and deportment, dyemoid—will settle themselves, regardless of Pharisaical prohibition, sacred ritual ethics on fine theories. Plan to live, work to live and love your life—herein

stilted and prudish conventionality, they are senseless—useless—atoms all. In a dim sort of a way they realize, perhaps, that there are such things as regal roses, sublime sunsets, verdueclad valleys and mountain sides, music and song and honest men and sweet women—but to the glories of which they are immune and in whom long since atrophied if it ever lived all sense of human participation. Beware the slow poison of pessimism—'tis hell while here. Of what worth is glut of gold when shrouded for the grave—remember the mummy! Live every moment, as deit meant. Cherish every tiny feather that falls to earth from the wing of the angel Joy—belike you'll never find another—or a fairer—or a better. It is only a little while, and we pass this way but once. To refuse the bright and beautiful and lovable things of life is to discredit creation and become a fugitive from fate. And enjoy not only the minute, but to remember—'twill be sweet solace some time.

I give you the psychic secret: Love life that you may live. Superstition and smug caution, including the prophecies, have laid down certain rules for longevity. Naturally, most of the commands are don't. We are told that we must shun, check, avoid, deny and abstain in everything, including diet, democracy, and the flesh at

the ideal fellowship and hygiene Use comprise their first purpose, of heaven.

Emerson, when he said that every sick man is a villain, probably meant that the villain is always a man who is ill—voicing Huzley's more drastic declaration that in the light of modern knowledge and advancement physical and mental it can't be long before a sick man must be one of two erotic extremes—either a fool or a criminal. And from practical, if no other standpoint, it is well to remember that the mental conditions which govern success are precisely those which control health and happiness—that success is as much a creation of tectaoiealthlthrdlu creation of the mind; more than often it is the result of effort. We anticipate failure by admitting its reality—dwell upon it, and it is like to be and endure. To succeed, the mind must know and already enjoy only success—if free of discouragement and doubting depression we are fit to think and plan and do—indeed, the possession of such a spirit is success itself, for with it go hand in hand purpose and accomplishment.

What this old world needs more than all else is more confidence and less fear, more hope and less despair, more happiness and less hell while here. Troubles will come enough unbidden—meet them with a smile. And what matters if at times we than admitted disaster. And give joy, wherever met, glad greeting. The psychic secret: Love life, that you may live.

Important Discovery of Valuable Minerals.

The discovery of rare and valuable minerals in the Llano region, to the northwest of San Antonio, has just been made public in a bulletin by F. L. Hess, issued by the United States geological survey. The report shows an island of pre-Cambrian rocks, in which is found minerals. Among these the report mentions fergusonite, gadolinite, polycrase, yttrillate and cerolite. Among the

heated. This property makes them valuable for use as flowers for gas and electric light lamps. Thoria, beryllia, yttria and zirconia are the most useful minerals employed for this purpose. Until the discovery of these metals in the Llano district it was very difficult to get enough of them to manufacture mantles for electric glow lamps. The discovery of the deposit here, near the geographical center of Texas, now furnishes enough of these metals to meet the demand.

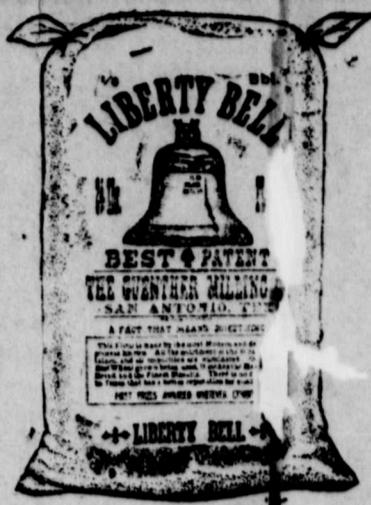
A large corporation manufacturing an electric lamp has lately acquired this valuable deposit, which is so large that the corporation supplies its wants by working the mine a few months at a time. It is supposed that other rare minerals of a similar character will be found in the mounds near Harringer Hill, but so far they have been only partially prospected. The men who are working these mines have the skin of their faces and arms affected as if by sunburn by the radio-activity of the metals there. It is confidently expected that sooner or later valuable deposits of radium, the most costly of metals, will be found in the Llano section.

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If you do nothing else from now on, MAKE UP YOUR MIND TO SAVE A LITTLE MONEY. No matter how little it may be, make a start. Begin to live on less than you make. Begin to put a little capital in real estate which will one day mean FREEDOM and INDEPENDENCE. There is not a young man anywhere who could not save from \$5 to \$10 every month if he wished to do so.

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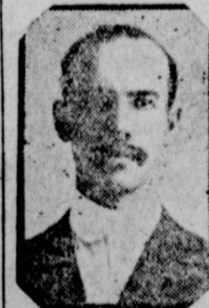
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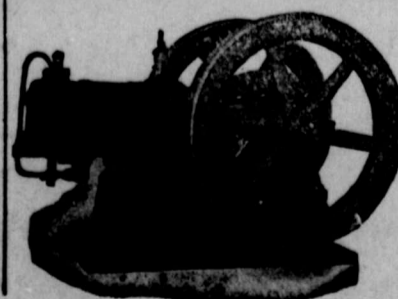
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A Logical Suicide.

Another unfortunate, weary of breath, rashly impetuous, gone to his death. This time it was a Memphis man. He surreptitiously pocketed a razor in a barber shop, slipped out of the place and slit his throat. It is believed, locally, that he was temporarily insane and that his aberration resulted from intense heat and nervous prostration. As a matter of fact, the man was plainly the victim of whiskers, high temperature and the popularity of a tonsorial parlor. The tragedy was logical and the suicide was, from a human point of view at least, forgivable.

It is impossible to believe that Adam was made with a beard. We read in the Bible that he was happy and at peace. This statement denotes either an unshaven or a beardless condition. Since Adam sinned and blamed the woman the male human being has suffered the penalty of beard and must either spend most of his leisure moments in the barber shop or standing before a mirror cutting gashes in his face with a broad, keen blade, or running a miniature lawn mower over it.

The following lines appear in the book of a recent comic opera:

Ethel (nestling her head upon his shoulder)—"Do you shave yourself always?"

Jack (running his fingers apprehensively across his cheek)—"No; I usually stop for meals."

In comic opera this was mirth-provoking. It is quite natural to laugh at the sufferings of a hero in comic opera, even when he is about to be decapitated by order of the bandit chieftain. But in real life the marvelous energy of the beard and the resultant unceasing labor of the man who could be always clean-shaven constitutes one of the major sorrows of existence.

The Memphian, entering a barber shop in the early afternoon, when the mercury registered 100 in the shade and the barber was six customers behind his rush of business, lost his patience while reading the comic weeklies and waiting until he should be "next." Finally, since all things come to those who wait, even in a crowded barber shop, he was allowed to get into a chair and be shaved and learn about the iniquity of the umpire and the failings of the third baseman on the home team.

After what seemed an eternity had passed he was patted on the face and anointed with a mystic, scented oils and syrups, batted lightly over the face with something resembling his wife's powder puff and let out of the chair. He reflected that his beard was still growing and that he was no better circumcised than a mule in a treadmill. He said:

"Who would fardels bear,
To grunt and sweat under a weary life;
But that the dread of something after death,
The undiscovered country from whose bourne
No traveler returns, puzzles the will
And makes us rather bear those ills we have
Than fly to those we know not of."

As he meditated upon the probable tortures of the infernal regions as pictured by the ancients during the reign of Pluto and as imagined by the moderns under Satan, he decided, quite naturally, that the chances were about even that the ills he knew not of were no worse than those he knew. He cunningly stole a razor, released a weary spirit from the imprisoning clay and allowed it to flutter into the windowless palace of rest, to sleep, to dream—aye, there's the rub! Perhaps those who make a dash for the palace unshriven neither sleep nor dream, but are punished by being shaven with a dull razor by devils who eat onions and discuss sports and demand opinions from the victim when his mouth is full of lather.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Co-operative House-keeping.

Co-operative housekeeping on a large scale is the latest plan on smoothing out the work and worry of life to be inaugurated in San Antonio. The originators

of the scheme are W. H. Dee and James N. Tilton, both eastern men, who intend to build a gungalow city on South Heights, a hilltop suburb of San Antonio.

A plot of ground about thirty acres in size is being laid out as a park, with winding streets, fringed with shrubbery, flowers and semi-tropical plants. Between forty and fifty bungaloes of four, five and six rooms will be built and furnished. At a convenient point in the center of the gungalow village will be constructed a community kitchen and dining rooms. Each family will order what it wants for the day and the company market man will make the purchases and the company cook will prepare the meals. The residents will then have the choice of dining in one of the community dining rooms or having their meals delivered at their homes in vehicles especially constructed, with heaters to keep the viands hot. Community laundries will do the washing, and community gardeners will attend to the grounds and plants; in fact, all the drudgery of housekeeping will be provided for by the community.

As every winter from 15,000 to \$20,000 northern and eastern tourists winter in this city, such a plan will especially commend itself to those who do not wish to go to the worry and expense of putting up their own establishments. It is also claimed that this manner of housekeeping can be made as reasonable or as expensive as the individuals desire.

"Pants" For Taft

When He Visits Texas.

San Antonio, July — (Special.)—Announcement has been made by Col. Cecil Lyon, the head of the Republican party in Texas, that Secretary Taft had promised to make a number of speeches in Texas between now and election time in the interest of the Texas Republican ticket. It is also generally admitted that Chas. W. Ogden of San Antonio, one of the leading attorneys of the State, will be the Texas nominee for Governor. There is widespread displeasure in the State towards the Campbell administration, and already a Democrat known as honest Mr. Williams, the village blacksmith, is contesting with Governor Campbell the Democratic nomination for re-election. The Republicans believe that this will breed enough faction to make possible the election of a strong man like Mr. Ogden.

The gift of the pair of "pants" made from mohair arranged for Secretary Taft has aroused a lively feeling of interest in that candidate in Texas, and plans are being made for a presentation of the "pants" when he visits San Antonio. At the same time N. R. Powell, a cattle raiser of Tetus, Tex., will have ready for presentation to the Republican candidate an enormous chair made of horns from the longhorn cattle the used to be so common in Texas. This chair will be eight and a half feet tall by about five feet wide, and will certainly be large enough to hold the big candidate arrayed in that pair of "pants" made from a billy goat, which are unquestionably man's size.

The Value of Character

William Jennings Bryan has been thrice nominated as the candidate of a great party for the most exalted office to which human ambition can aspire before he has reached the half-century point of his life.

His record is unique and without precedent or parallel in the annals of this nation, and, in fact, it is doubtful whether history affords any record to match it in any age.

Twelve years ago, amid the excitement and struggles of a great convention, he, by one speech, at 36 years of age, stepped into the leadership of his party.

His accession to the place was under extraordinary circumstances, and it was freely predicted that with the ebbing of the tide and the coming of the storm of defeat he would fail and fall and the bubble of his fame would collapse, to be seen no more.

That prediction has not been verified, and that it has not been one of the wonders of the age.

Many of the traits of the popular politician he has not. He does not mix in the hail-fellow-well-met fashion with every kind

of crowd and is abstemious to total abstinency. He is clean of speech and exemplary in his ways of living.

While genial and companionable, he has a reserve that is never altogether broken, and he never entirely loses sight of himself. He is, too, not a reserved man in the matter of speech. On the contrary, he has perhaps talked more in the last twelve years than any public man in America ever did in the same length of time.

All this being true, that he should be what he is and where he is is nothing else than wonderful. A single speech and a single letter have defeated the ambitions of some of the greatest men America ever knew. Yet William Bryan has made thousands of speeches on almost every conceivable subject, and under all sorts of conditions, and yet his enemies will not be able to find a quotation from one of them where he attempts to confuse or confute him.

For twelve years he has stood full square to that fierce light which beats upon the great, and yet his bitterest foe cannot detect a spot on his escutcheon or a flaw in his armor.

There must be a reason for all this, and there is; and the reason is not far to seek, nor difficult to find. It is that William J. Bryan is essentially honest and always faithful to his convictions. It is because he is clean and his public and private life will bear the most rigid inspection. He has a character and maintains it, and he, under all circumstances, true to the impulses and demands of honesty and decency. His life illustrates in the strongest possible way the value of character, the power of right living, the compelling force of cleanliness in thought and deed and adherence to honest conviction.—Houston Chronicle.

Candidate Kern

Mr. John W. Kern is an Indian of Virginia stock. He is a lawyer of Indianapolis, Ind., and a Democrat. He is being nominated by the citizens of that city for the position of the governor.

He was born at the village of Alto, Howard county, Ind., in December, 1849. His father was a country doctor of small means. Mr. Kern was educated in the district schools and attended the Indiana normal school at Kokomo, Ind., daily riding horseback ten miles each way. The energetic young student earned the money to enter Ann Arbor and graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan when he was 20.

For six terms he was chosen city attorney of Kokomo against Republican candidates. In 1884 he was elected reporter of the supreme court and moved to Indianapolis.

The Associated Press account of his career declares that he "has worked in every campaign, served the county in the legislature and was the leader of his party in the state senate. He was city attorney under the last two administrations of Mayor Thomas Taggart, from October, 1897, to October, 1901. In 1909 he was nominated for governor, but was defeated. Before the St. Louis convention four years ago Mr. Kern's name was prominently mentioned among the vice presidential possibilities."

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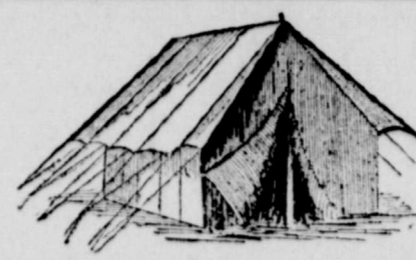
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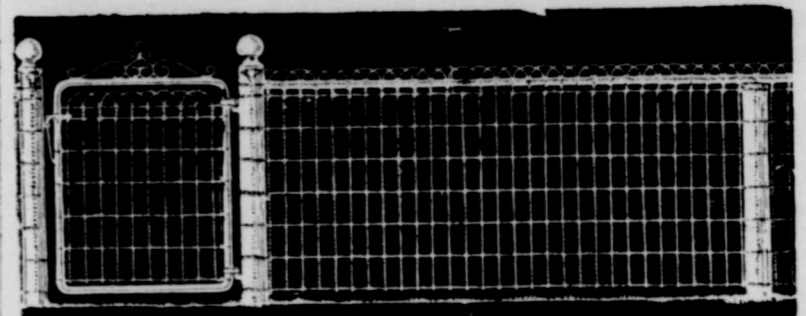
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GENERAL NEWS.

Brief Summary of Happenings in the State, the Nation and the World.

STATE.

Georgetown.—During the past week, thirteen suits for divorce have been dismissed and two are continued. There are yet fifty suits for divorce on the civil docket.

Galveston.—According to lately published rate sheet, the boat lines have agreed to co-operate with the railroads in the raising of freight rates on August 10. All freight rates to Texas points will take on a ten and five per cent increase.

West.—James Sulak, Precinct Constable, is struck by south-bound train and instantly killed.

Victoria.—New York and Chicago capitalists have purchased an eighty-acre tract one mile north of Victoria and will have it surveyed into town lots. The price paid was \$10,000. The property was formerly owned by S. G. Reed of Dallas.

El Paso.—Reports brought from La Cita by T. C. Harris to the effect that gold ore has been discovered in that section, which runs as high as \$50,000 to the ton.

Austin.—The following industries have been started during the past week: Laredo, \$15,000 brick works; Graham, \$10,000 ice factory; Markham, oil company; Gainesville, canning factory; Alvarado, \$5000 cotton gin, \$5000 oil company; San Antonio, \$10,000 oil company; Gid-der company.

Dallas.—In the neighborhood of 25,000 visitors arrived in Dallas to attend the Elks Convention. The city has been decorated in a sumptuous manner and the royal purple is everywhere in evidence.

Navasota.—Sam Thomas is shot and killed by unknown parties near his home on Mustang Prairie. Shot-guns were used and two charges were fired into the body of the murdered man.

Eagle Pass.—J. A. Bonnet, United States Consul for many years at C. P. Diaz, tenders his resignation. J. A. Bonnet, Jr., his son, gets the appointment in his place.

Ablene.—Ira Montgomery, aged 22 years, is shot by his brother, John Montgomery. The injury to Montgomery, while serious, is not necessarily fatal.

Coleman.—The Republicans have organized in every section of the county. This is the first time in the history of this section that a party organization of that nature has been effected.

Greenville.—Ollie Taylor, 16 years old, accidentally shoots himself while hunting. His injuries proved fatal in the course of a few hours.

Georgetown.—The County Commissioners set the valuation of property for assessment at 80 per cent of its market valuation. The assessment on railroad property was slightly reduced.

Gonzales.—J. F. Neuman is awarded judgments for \$1,500 and \$2,000, respectively, against the Phoenix Fire Assurance Company and the Milwaukee Mechanics' Insurance Company. Suits were brought on claims amounting to \$7,000, which were disputed owing to some alleged irregularities in the keeping of Mr. Neuman's books while he was engaged in the business on which the insurance was written.

Temple.—Will T. Roach is shot and killed. The arrest of Ray G. Wilcox followed the shooting. The quarrel resulted over family difficulties.

Beaumont.—The mosquitoes have so increased in the coast country during the wet weather this summer that many cattle have been killed by the heavy swarms of this insect.

Dallas.—In spite of a hot fight put up by Detroit, Los Angeles secures the next convention of the B. P. O. E. At the business session of the Grand Lodge the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

The officers elected are: Grand Exalted Ruler—Rush L. Holland, Colorado Springs, Colo. Grand Esteemed Leading Knight—John G. Shea, Hartford, Conn. Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight—A. M. MacElwee, Fort Worth, Tex. Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight—Warren G. Sayre, Wabash, Ind. Grand Treasurer—Edward Leach, New York. Grand Tiler—Charles L. Decker, Minnesota. Grand Trustee—Alfred T. Holley,

Hackensack, N. J. Grand Secretary—Fred C. Robinson, Dubuque, Iowa. Grand Inner Guard—A. M. Taylor, St. Augustine, Fla.

The officers were elected by acclamation with the exception of the Grand Loyal Knight, Charles E. Sweet of Dowagiac, Mich., being defeated by A. M. MacElwee of Fort Worth, Tex., and for Grand Inner Guard, A. M. Taylor of St. Augustine, Fla., winning from Thomas G. Phelan of Memphis, Tenn., and John J. Grooves of Port Chester, N. Y.

Houston.—Joe A. King, a well-known barber, is stabbed to death by a negro while assisting a friend in a fight with a couple of negroes in the Tenderloin District. The negro escaped and has not yet been apprehended.

Waco.—State Health Officer Brumby causes the arrest of a traveling man on the charge of washing his teeth and expectorating in a wash basin in the dressing room of a Pullman car. The charge was dismissed by Justice Bogess.

Kenedy.—Twelve bales of cotton have already been ginned, and the crop in the Kenedy district is reported to be exceptionally heavy.

DOMESTIC.

Cleveland, Ohio.—A city ordinance is passed which forbids the sale or discharge of fireworks except by the city authorities. Hereafter the city will have control of all fireworks exhibitions, both on the Fourth of July or any other festive occasion.

Tulsa, Okla.—Fire started by lightning entirely destroys two tanks and three oil rigs belonging to the Prairie Oil Gas Company at Glenn Pool. The loss is estimated at \$35,000.

Chicago.—Carrie Nation gains access to the Auditorium

lent lecture on the sin of drinking. Carrie was arrested and taken to the police station.

Louisville, Ky.—The police have unearthed what is thought to be a somewhat novel and startling attempt to defraud the Adams Express Company out of \$10,000. A package handed in to the company at a valuation of \$10,000 by the junior member of a prominent real estate firm explodes while in the express safe. On being examined it was found to contain a mixture of explosives which were subject to spontaneous combustion. The package was addressed to the sender's private residence, and was said to contain a valuable formula for preserving wood. The sender is under arrest.

New York.—In the face of what promises to be one of the most prosperous years during the decade the stock market is throwing off its lethargy, and many large transactions are being made daily in all lines of domestic stocks.

Leavenworth, Kan.—An attempt is made to assassinate Warden R. M. McLaughry of the Federal prison by means of a bomb, which was thrown under his wagon while he was driving through the streets of the city.

Memphis, Tenn.—The weekly summary of the cotton crop condition by the Commercial Appeal shows that the present state of the crop is such that with normal conditions a bumper yield may be expected.

Oyster Bay, L. I.—President Roosevelt and Secretary Root have a private conference in connection with the present condition of Venezuela. No hint has been dropped to indicate what course of action will be pursued.

St. Louis, Mo.—Max Martini, a Hungarian merchant, kills his wife and commits suicide owing to an altercation with his better half on the purchase of a 75-cent dress. Martini had lately impressed upon his wife the stern necessity of economy owing to the purchase of a new home on the installment plan. The heavy outlay of 75 cents was too much for his stringent sense of economics and he pulled a six-shooter and blew out the woman's brains after a short argument. The only redeeming feature of the affair is that he had the grace to put an end to his own life immediately afterward.

Columbus, Ohio.—The National Prohibition Convention adopts the water wagon as their emblem, and arriving delegates are met at the depots by a profusely decorated water wagon drawn by four milk white horses. Charles E. Jones of Chicago, National Chairman, calls the convention to order. There are seventeen names on the list of aspirants for the Presidential nomination, and the convention is a lively one. It is stated that woman suffrage will be endorsed by the convention.

St. Louis, Mo.—In a head-on collision on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railway the Mem-

phis express it wrecked. Engineer Donohue was killed and Fireman Bruske sustained a broken leg. Many passengers were bruised and injured.

Liquor and Labor.

One of the most marked changes in less time—is that changes of public sentiment revealed in the past half century—concerning the use of liquor by business, professional and laboring men.

Men much less than 50 years old can recall when a laboring man might get drunk every night after working hours without danger of discharge, provided he turned up ready for work next morning, but such conduct now would, in nine out of ten well-regulated business establishments, result in his immediate and irrevocable discharge.

The time has been in the memory of thousands who will read this when doctors of distinction could drink to excess every day and even attend upon the most desperate cases when drunk, but the most skillful physician and surgeon in Houston could not sustain himself in his profession many days if seen drunk twice, or even once.

Some of the most distinguished lawyers ever in the United States have been notorious users of liquor to excess, or, in plain words, they got drunk in public and appeared in that state before large audiences, and yet maintained their professional and social standing.

This was true of a lawyer of pre-eminent ability, who died in the very prime of a brilliant life, and who, many believe, was the most eloquent man that ever stood before an audience in any age, in the old world or the new.

Comparatively few years ago for a politician to get drunk or to use liquor to excess did not seriously affect his chances of success. It has been stated as a part of the history of a man who is thought by many to have been the ablest orator and lawyer ever in the Senate of the United States from New England that

In many of the largest business establishments of Texas and the United States excessive use of liquor is sure to bring loss of position, and there are establishments which buy property for a considerable distance around their plants so as to prevent the establishing of saloons near them.

The vast majority of manufacturing companies will not allow liquor to be sold anywhere on their property.

There are railroads which will not permit an employe to enter a saloon, and there are others which have a rule to the effect that if the engineer of a passenger train goes into a saloon before taking his engine he cannot stay on it, but another man must take his place.

The tendency as to temperance and to abstinance, conduct that we have not had cause to comment on years ago, but rather have been looked upon as a joke, would operate to defeat the best-known man in America today. A man who during all his public life used liquor to excess became, by operation of law, President of the United States, and one of the best-known public men in the United States, in a recent series of reminiscences, declared that he knew of his personal knowledge that the man referred to was under the influence of liquor when he received the announcement of his accession to the Presidency, and that when he was sworn in as Vice President he was so intoxicated as to have to be supported to the stand to be inaugurated.

Such a scene or situation would be impossible today. If either William H. Taft or William J. Bryan appeared before an audience, between now and November 3, in a drunken condition his would be a hopeless race from that hour.

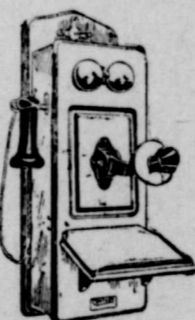
The change in opinion and action is the result not only of increasing intelligence and a greater knowledge of the effect of liquor upon the mind and body, but of a widening and deepening of healthier and more wholesome currents of thought and the strengthening of moral and a deeper conception of moral duty.

Some of the senators drank a quart of French brandy, and such indulgence was by no means unusual with him.

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Misses William and Ophelia Shaw visited at Riverdale this week.

S. V. Edwards of Laredo was in Cotulla between trains Wednesday.

Miss Kate Knaggs returned first of the week from a visit to Encinal.

Roland A. Gouger left Saturday for Floresville where he will spend about a week.

Walter and Price Daniel attended the Ice Cream Supper at Millet last Saturday night.

R. O. Gouger returned Monday from a three weeks absence at Roswell, N. M. Bob says it is rather dry in that country, but thinks more rain has fallen there than here.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have been here on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Frank W. Earnest for some time left Wednesday for their home at Pleasanton. They were accompanied by Mrs. Earnest and little child.

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L. W. GADDIS of Tarrant County.
- For County Surveyor—
L. S. ELWELL of Tarrant County.
- For Justice of the Peace Prec. No. 1—
GEORGE COPP of Tarrant County.
- For Justice of the Peace Prec. No. 2—
JOHN K. WILLIAMS of Tarrant County.
- For Constable Prec. No. 1—
JOHN K. WILLIAMS of Tarrant County.
- For Constable Prec. No. 2—
JOHN K. WILLIAMS of Tarrant County.
- For Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee—
W. A. KERR of Tarrant County.
- For Member of the Democratic Executive Committee, Prec. No. 1—
W. A. KERR of Tarrant County.

For the submission by the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Texas, a Constitutional Amendment to the people of Texas, for their adoption or rejection, prohibiting within the State of Texas, the manufacture, sale, gift, exchange and intra-state shipment of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors and medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication, except for medicinal and sacramental purposes.

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For the system of Local Option, and appropriate legislative enactment for the perfection of our laws, so as to prevent the barter, sale or exchange of intoxicating beverages of liquor in Local Option districts.

Against the system of Local Option, and appropriate legislative enactment for the perfection of our laws, so as to prevent the barter, sale or exchange of intoxicating beverages of liquors in Local Option districts.

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Candy, Fruit and Cigars.
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Not from favoritism,
But, because it has, in quality,
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BOTTLED BEER
Better beer can not be made at any cost—and better beer is not produced in the United States.
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ON

FARMS AND RANCHES.

E. B. CHANDLER,
San Antonio, Texas.

102 E. Crockett St.,
Next the river.

Sam Childress, a ranchman of Duval county accompanied by four of his daughters, were in the city trading this week. Mr. Childress says the manipulator of the clouds continues to favor him, and the consequences are he has plenty of fine green grass in his pasture.

During the thunder shower just after noon Tuesday, lightning played some fantastic pranks over on East Heights. A zig-zag electrical bolt struck the house of G. W. Chapman, the furthest out on the addition, demolishing a flue, and splintering a sill and one of the blocks underneath. Mr. Chapman was in the house and was knocked to the floor, and for some minutes was in a dazed condition. He didn't know just what had happened, but was not knocked out so bad but what he thought it was a good place to get away from, and still possessing his navigation qualifications,—he moved. After he got over to one of his neighbor's houses, he remembered the old saying that "lightning never strikes twice in the same place," but somehow he felt a little safer away from the scene of his narrow escape from electrocution. One peculiar freak played by the lightning was the turning of a bucket of water, that was sitting on the kitchen table, almost black.

Mr. Geo. F. Robbins, Vice-President of the Paul Steam Laundry of San Antonio, was here Thursday and established an agency in this city. The Paul Laundry is recognized as the best in San Antonio and no doubt their quality of work will build up a good trade for them here. Simon Cotulla has the agency and basket will be shipped from his place each week. Mr. Robbins was a pleasant caller at our office Thursday evening and told us of his visit to Las Vacas, the town across the river from Del Rio that was recently attacked by revolutionists. He said it was estimated that 10,000 shots were fired, and only about twenty-five people were killed. The adobe buildings were almost demolished in many parts of the city, and everywhere were evidences of the battle. The old Mexican that piloted Mr. Robbins to the town told him that after the soldiers and citizens had routed the insurgents, they retreated to the hills that closely surrounded the town, and from their hiding places, continued to fire on the town. Two days after the fight, blood stains were plentiful along the streets.

Dr. D. N. Cushing and the editor were down at Encinal Wednesday. Despite the adverse conditions that have prevailed the past eighteen months, Encinal, like the other towns of this section of Texas, continues to grow. We noted considerable improvements in the little city. Sam J. Jordan, manager of Green, Coleman & Co's interests, has just completed a most elegant residence. Other residences we noticed that have lately been erected that are modern and have a civilized appearance were those of T. J. Buckley, J. E. Hill and Julio Rodriguez. Green, Coleman & Company have put in one of the largest lumber yards on this line, having recently unloaded a million a half feet of lumber. Mr. Jordan, the manager, says they are selling first class lumber at \$20 and these low prices he says, have brought them much business out of their territory. They have made some shipments to Cotulla. Mr. Jas. Breeding stated that notwithstanding the dry weather some cotton would be made and the Encinal gin would cut between four and five hundred bales. This cotton will begin to move next week.

Felix Lann of Globe, Ariz, who with his family, have been here visiting relatives for several weeks, left Thursday. Mr. Lann and family will stop at Cometa for a week or so, and then proceed home. Before leaving he ordered the Record sent to him, in order that he might keep tab on Cotulla.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

F. D. McMahon returned from Austin Wednesday night where he had been on business for a couple of days.

Messrs. Mason Maney and G. H. Fore of Pearsall attended the meeting of the Masonic Lodge here last Saturday night.

Miram Coleman left Sunday night for San Antonio, where he has a position in the I. & G. N. dispatcher's office.

E. A. Keck, one of the Board of Directors of the Southern Truck Growers Association went to San Antonio Monday to attend a meeting of the Board.

Association Inspector Poole reported a good rain at Encinal Monday. However it covered a strip of country only about four miles wide.

Miss Mable Hall and Miss Bridges have been spending the week in the city. Miss Bridges is teaching in the T. K. Hall community.

Messrs. H. W. Earnest, J. C. Hamilton, J. A. Ferguson, J. T. Flynn and L. F. Seed were among those from Millett that attended the Masonic Lodge here last Saturday night.

J. G. Childers was here this week.

Yellow yam potatoes at Geo. E. Tarvers.

Miss Willie Leonard visited at the Cochina Ranch this week.

Miss Lauretta Binkley left first of the week for San Antonio and Pleasanton on a visit to relatives.

Lee Henrichson of Artesia, Assessor of La Salle county, was in the city during the week.

Mrs. J. E. Hyland and little son were here from Artesia Wednesday.

Miss Minnie Leonard left Saturday night for Luling, where she will visit friends.

J. A. Brown was in town Tuesday and reported some good show-ups on Speer Creek.

Mrs. J. W. Campbell and daughter, Miss Wilpie of Carrizo Springs passed through Cotulla yesterday enroute to San Antonio.

Mr. McHenry and daughter Miss Mamie, who spent several weeks here last winter, and who have been in San Antonio since, returned this week. Mr. McHenry may locate here.

The first bale of cotton was ginned Thursday.

W. H. Fullerton & Co., G. W. Henrichson, Roland A. Gouger and Jno. M. Daniel were among the business people that gave this office stationery orders this week.

R. C. Lewis, ex-judge East of the Cibola, was in town from Encinal Tuesday. Said a good shower fell at Encinal Monday, but more was needed.

John R. Black went up to the Alamo City yesterday morning to get some material necessary for the putting in of his pumping plant down the Nueces.

W. H. Goldtrap has returned from a trip to Chicago, where he shipped and disposed of his onions. He did fairly well with them.

Prof. R. A. Taylor arrived here from Dilley first of the week. Prof Taylor will begin making arrangements for locating here, as he has been selected as superintendent of our Public School.

Mrs. Willis Johnson and little daughter returned to San Antonio Tuesday after spending a week here visiting Mrs. C. F. Binkley. Mr. Johnson and little son will be here for some days yet.

The Collins-Guntler Company installed a 6 h. p. gasoline engine this week for Z. Leonard on his place Northeast of town, for the purpose of pumping water for irrigation.

L. W. Sledge, station agent, has been checked out for a month's vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Sledge left Thursday night for Mexico City and other points of interest in the Republic.

Last week one of the onion farmers who had installed a large pumping plant gave us an ad of his old plant for sale, to be inserted two issues. He came around this week and ordered the ad out as the plant had been sold.

Off for Mexico City.

Joseph Cotulla left yesterday for the City of Mexico to spend the balance of the summer. Miss Louise, who is there with her mother, will return home when Mr. Cotulla arrives.

Church Notice.

Preaching at the Methodist church tomorrow, (Sunday) morning and night. Rev. Mr. Nickerson will preach in the morning and the pastor at night. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

To The People Of Cotulla.

Those citizens who subscribed money for the purpose of grading, paving the road from town to the Vincent crossing will please leave such subscriptions with County Judge C. C. Thomas or Judge F. H. Earnest as work will be started as soon as the money is collected.

MATT RUSSELL.

Optimistic Club Calendar.

We printed a forty page Calendar this week for the Ladies Optimistic Club of Cotulla. This club is the most up to date and progressive organization of our town. The Club has been directly and indirectly the cause of much good work that has been accomplished and with their cheerful and undaunted push-aheadness we expect to see them accomplish much more. The object of the Club is the literary culture of its members and the encouragement of civic improvement. At the last election of officers Mrs. C. B. Jones was chosen as President. On another page of this issue is a beautiful poem "The Optimist," by Mrs. Margaret Olive Jordan, dedicated to the Club. This poem occupies the first page of the Calendar we turned out for the ladies this week. Long live the Optimistic Club!

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